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**YEOMEN OF THE
GUARD**

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STORY OF "YEOMEN OF THE GUARD"

Phoebe, the daughter of Sergeant Meryll, cherishes a tender regard for Colonel Fairfax, a prisoner in London Tower who is to be beheaded "in an hour." Sergeant Meryll, Phoebe and her brother Leonard (just returned from Windsor to join the Yeomen of the Guard) plan to release Fairfax and substitute him for Leonard who is unknown to the other Yeomen. Leonard agrees to leave quietly and lie hidden until the Colonel Fairfax is saved. Fairfax, whose cousin has plotted his death to secure his estate, seeks to thwart his enemy by marrying ere he dies, and the Lieutenant is persuaded to find him a wife. The task is made easy by the appearance of Elsie Maynard and Jack Point. Elsie's mother is ill and the girl is induced by the promise of a hundred crowns to become the bride of Fairfax. Blindfolded she is led to his cell for the ceremony. No sooner is the wedding over than Sergeant Meryll steals to Fairfax's cell with the keys which Phoebe has wheedled from her admirer Wilfred Shadbolt. Fairfax is freed and introduced without suspicion to the Yeomen, although disaster is narrowly averted when Phoebe greets him as her brother. The hour for the execution arrives and Fairfax himself, in the guise of a Yeoman announces that the cell is open and the prisoner fled. With varying emotions the crowd disperses leaving Elsie Maynard fainting in Fairfax's arms.

—*Curtain*—

Two days gone and the prisoner still free. Jack Point, sad in spite of his fine new position, induces Wilfred to join in a plot by which he hopes to regain Elsie. Fairfax learns the identity of his bride through the disclosures of Dame Carruthers and her niece Kate, and immediately makes use of his knowledge to test Elsie's faithfulness. A shot is fired and Wilfred arrives breathless to announce that he has just shot Fairfax while he was trying to swim across the river and that the body sank. Jack Point now makes advances to Elsie but is forestalled by Fairfax in the guise of Leonard Meryll who woos Elsie on pretense of showing Jack Point how it is done. To the consternation of Point and Phoebe, Elsie consents to become his wife. Wilfred suspects Phoebe's part in the delivery of Fairfax and is silenced by the promise of her hand. A like suspicion wins the hand of Sergeant Meryll for Dame Carruthers. The play closes on a tragic note as Jack Point broken-hearted and despairing dies in the midst of rejoicing at the happiness of Elsie.

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CHARACTERS—In the order of their appearance

Phoebe Meryll Edith Donat ✓
Sergeant Meryll's daughter

Wilfred Shadbolt Arthur Wells ✓
Head jailer and assistant tormentor

Dame Carruthers Ida Haase ✓
Housekeeper to the Tower

Second Yeoman Howard Soper ✓

Sergeant Meryll... Hugh McLaughlin ✓
Of the Yeomen of the Guard

Leonard Meryll William Turner ✓
His Son

Sir Richard Cholmondeley
..... Charles Haase ✓
Lieutenant of the Tower

Colonel Fairfax Samuel Tucker ✓
Under the Sentence of death

Elsie Maynard Emily Urban ✓
A strolling singer

Jack Point Walter Shorday ✓
A strolling jester

First Citizen Arthur Wells, Jr. ✓

Second Citizen Joseph Wells ✓

First Yeoman Frederick Zaiser, Jr. ✓

Kate Helen Lee ✓
Dame Carruthers' niece

Headsmen Whitney Carleton ✓

Block-Bearer Robert Wilson ✓

Chaplain Ray Moore ✓

CHORUS OF YEOMEN OF THE GUARD, CITIZENS, ETC.

Laura Benner ✓
Eleanor Buckley ✓
Emilie Buckley ✓
Marie Carleton ✓
Elmira Hein ✓
Betty Hingston ✓

Edith Homer ✓
Elsie Irvin ✓
Augusta Lacy ✓
Gertrude Neals ✓
Margaret Walmsley ✓
Anne Warfield ✓

Hazel Watson ✓
Anne Wells ✓
Florence Wells ✓
Dorothy Wilkens ✓
Ray Moore ✓
Norman Tempest ✓

Samuel Tucker Jr. ✓
Samuel Watson ✓
Warren Wright ✓
Felix Urban ✓

Directed by Elsie Tucker

Stage Direction by Frank Palmer

Costumes by members of the cast under the direction of

Imogene Tempest and Florence Wells

Properties by Ralph Snyder, Charles Haase and Arthur Wells

Scenery by Casimir I. Geibel

Lighting by Casimir Irvin

MUSICIANS

Holland T. Paist Jr. ✓
Nicholas Frisch ✓
Bertrand A. Austin ✓

Vernon Watson ✓
Charles Unger Jr. ✓
Bernard Otto ✓

Donald Pike ✓
William Marley ✓
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